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In re the Application of: Shoji ARIKUMA, et al.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

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August 23, 2000

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated July 28, 2000, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and (1) Certified Priority Document for the above-identified patent application.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of **\$20.00**, for the government filing fee of **\$690.00** and the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration. In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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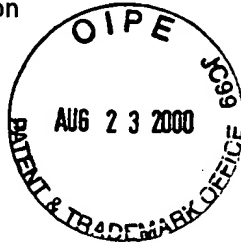


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 820.**

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